

Air Traffic Controllers (53-2021)

Occupation description: Control air traffic on and within vicinity of airport and movement of air traffic between altitude sectors and control centers according to established procedures and policies. Authorize, regulate, and control commercial airline flights according to government or company regulations to expedite and ensure flight safety.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	427	432	1.2	1	13	14
United States	27,000	26,200	-3.0	0	1,020	1,020

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	57.05	n/a	32.09	58.31	82.09
Alaska	46.47	50.32	54.17	28.88	47.95	73.31
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	50.55	54.50	58.45	27.12	57.13	78.12
Southeast Region	40.47	43.27	46.07	31.43	45.46	52.67
Balance of State	41.36	44.22	47.08	24.51	46.81	55.74

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
48	15	31.2	35.3	29.4

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	8
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	8
UI claimants previously working in occupation	4

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	117
Number of job position postings	40
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.9

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Associate degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Long-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

Degree

Alaska Career College

[Aircraft Dispatcher Specialist](#)

Certificate

Degree

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

[Aviation Security](#)

BA

Degree

University of Alaska Anchorage

[Air Traffic Control](#)

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